

FREDERICK COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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Minutes of MeetingWelcome

Faith Klareich began the meeting at 3:00pm and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

Attendance:Members

<u>X</u> Faith Klareich	<u>X</u> Tiffany Fossett	<u>X</u> Ben Springer
<u>X</u> Janet Ady	<u>X</u> Elizabeth Law	<u>X</u> William Steigelmann
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bird	<u>X</u> Nathan Pool	
<u>X</u> John Ferri	<u>X</u> Mark Sankey	

Public Officials/Staff Liaisons:

<u>X</u> Dawn Ashbacher, Manager, Climate and Energy, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment (DEE)	<u>X</u> Kai Hagen, Frederick County Council Liaison
<u>X</u> Shannon Moore, Director, Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment	<u>X</u> Tiara Richardson, Sustainability Program Administrator, DEE; FCSC liaison
<u>X</u> Annmarie Creamer, Communications Manager, DEE	<u>X</u> Ben Green, Stormwater Project Manager, DEE

Approval of the open session Minutes for October 19, 2022, meeting: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of the closed session Minutes for October 19, 2022, meeting: Bill made a motion to approve the minutes. Betty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Division of Energy and Environment (DEE) Update:

1. Shannon updates
 - a. Working to finalize internal Climate and Energy Action Plan and Comprehensive Energy Plan updates
 - b. Finishing Stormwater Annual Report and Financial Assurance Plan
2. New Staff introductions
 - a. Tiara Richardson introduced herself
 - b. Annmarie Creamer introduced
 - c. Ben Green introduced himself

3. Dawn updates

- a. Grant submission time
 - i. Submitted for a grant for the 2nd phase of LED lighting at Pinecliff Park
 - ii. Will soon be submitting FY23 application for the Power Saver Retrofits Program
 1. Currently doing a lot of outreach for the program
- b. PACE updates
- c. Registering new solar facilities

Faith said she received information about alternative financing for local jurisdictions and states and said money for green banks is going to be administered through the EPA, and she will be getting more information about other funding sources. Betty asked if Frederick City would be eligible for the funding. Faith said she wasn't sure but offered to look into it.

Community Presentation – Cindy Unangst

1. Cindy shared Green Team networking/collaboration information and opportunities
 - a. Meets in-person but has hybrid capabilities
2. The FCSC discussed ideas for facilitating future Green Team networking
 - a. Faith said she would like to be involved and asked if anyone else would too; FCSC members who raised their hands were:
 - Nathan
 - Tiffany
 - Janet
 - Jenn

Invitation and Acknowledgement of Composting Programs for Youth – Planning - Chair

1. Faith said February would be a good time to have them attend
2. Betty suggested it would be best to be an in-person meeting
 - a. Faith took and vote, and everyone was in favor of it being in-person
3. Faith made a motion to expand the Sustainability Awards committee to also include other forms of recognition by the Commission. Jen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Briefing Packet Preparation Plan for New County Executive- Chair

1. Faith asked members what they think should be included
 - Mark said FCSC member bios and how to provide input
 - Tiffany suggested the annual report
 - Betty said she thinks it should be brief and to the point along with highlights of what the FCSC has accomplished; keep it brief
 - Faith said she thinks it should include aspirations and highlight FCSC expertise

- Mark suggested considering updating the bylaws to include lines of communication
- John said the Howard University planning program students are having their presentation on December 8 and thinks the new admin should be invited by the FCSC

Perspectives on the Commission – Kai Hagen

Councilman Hagen was not yet in attendance, so Faith moved on to Public Comment

Public comment:

1. Anna Twigg, Works at Washington Monument State Park and lives in Frederick County. Anna explained the 5 Million Trees Initiative.
 - The FCSC asked Anna questions and discussed the program.

Perspectives on the Commission – Kai Hagen

Councilman Hagen joined the group and shared his reflections.

Subcommittee Updates

1. South Frederick Corridor Plan – Faith
 - a. No new updates
2. Sugarloaf Plan – Mark
 - a. Mark said he reached out to Tim Goodfellow and Tim is willing to speak at the FCSC December 21 meeting.
 - b. Mark gave updates on the Plan.
3. Green Resources Energy Action Team (GREAT) – Bill
 - a. No updates
4. Sustainability Awards (& other recognition) – Jenn, Faith
 - a. No updates
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Faith
 - a. Nothing new to report

Commissioner Interests

- Nathan- shared the Governor elect's website mooremillermd.com
- Mark – Making connections with Hood College
- Betty –Working to have an overlay and a contamination map created and made available; working for legislation to require sellers to disclose all known contamination
- Bill – Following info on power grids across the country
- Janet – December 7 event for environmental education and support

Kai gave updates on the Sugarloaf Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm.

A recording of this meeting can be found on the Frederick County Sustainability Facebook page.

The council meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm.

The next scheduled meeting will be December 21, 2022.